

REMARKS

Prior to entry of this Preliminary Amendment:

- Claims **30-70** were pending in the present application.

Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment:

- Claim **71** has been added;
- Claims **48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 63, 64 and 66** have been amended;
- Claim **59** is cancelled;
- Claims **30-58 and 60-71** will be pending; and
- Claims **30, 46, 47, 67, 69, 70 and 71** are independent claims.

Claims **30-58 and 60-71** are substantially identical to claims previously pending in U.S. Application No. 09/388,723, to which this application claims priority.

Claim **71** has been added to correct a clerical error in the Preliminary Amendment filed on October 1, 2004. Independent claim **71** was inadvertently omitted from that Amendment, and thus dependent method claims **48-66** erroneously, directly or indirectly depended upon apparatus claim **47**. In accordance with the addition of new claim **71**, dependent method claims **48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60 and 63** have been amended to now depend upon claim **71**. In addition, claim **59** has been cancelled. No new matter has been added.

Claims **60, 64 and 66** have also been amended to correct their dependencies. In addition, claim **60** has been further amended to provide proper antecedent basis for the terms contained therein. No new matter has been added.

PAYMENT

Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0271 for the fee of \$200. for the addition of one (1) independent claims in excess of the independent claims already paid for in our previous submission.

We do not believe that any other fees are due, but if a fee should be necessary to continue prosecution of the present application, please also charge any such required fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-0271. In addition, please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0271.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, and the remarks contained in the preliminary amendment mailed on September 29, 2004, we submit that all of the pending claims **30-71** are in condition for allowance and the Examiner's early examination is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment or the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Stephan Filipek at telephone number 203-461-7252 or via electronic mail at sfilipek@walkerdigital.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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